

The U.S. Administration on Aging Joins N4A in Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act

The Older Americans Act charted out a vision for a nationwide network of public and private agencies organized around the common purpose of promoting the dignity and independence of older people. The Act specifically charged this network with responsibility for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of care to help older people live in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

Today, the Aging Services Network is the largest provider of home and community-based care for the elderly, and is recognized in every state and community for its leadership on behalf of older people. Area Agencies on Aging, tribal organizations and aging services providers have been instrumental in the success of the Older Americans Act. As we look to the future, our goal for reauthorization should be to ensure a continued leadership role for the network in helping our nation prepare for the aging of the baby boom and the emergence of long-term living.

